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SUBJECT: DUTCH PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES FOR WEIGHTED  
VOTING IN IFAD

1. SUMMARY. THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT WAS  
DISTRIBUTED BY DUTCH DELEGATION OECD AS REFERENCE  
DOCUMENT FOR DAC MEETING ON OCTOBER 16, 1975. IT  
OUTLINES FIVE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS FOR WEIGHTED  
VOTING IN IFAD. SUPPLEMENTARY TABULAR PRESENTATION  
FOR EACH OF 17 COUNTRIES ATTACHED AS ANNEX TO DUTCH  
PROPOSAL WILL BE HAND-CARRIED TO WASHINGTON BY AID  
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR BIRNBAUM. END SUMMARY

2. BEGIN TEXT

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES WITHIN  
CATEGORY A (OECD COUNTRIES) OF THE IFAD:

I. A DETAILED DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE DURING THE SECOND  
MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND  
FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, HELD IN GENEVA FROM 22  
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TO 26 SEPTEMBER, ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES. THE

POINT AT ISSUE WAS THE DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES IN THE GOVERNING COUNCIL. ARTICLE 5, SECTION 3 OF THE REVISED DRAFT ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT (DOC. CRP 1/REV. 3) GIVES SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS.

THE MEETING DECIDED THAT THE GROUP OF OECD COUNTRIES IN THE DAC WOULD REACH AGREEMENT ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES WITHIN GROUP A.

THE OBJECT OF THE PRESENT NOTE IS TO OUTLINE A NUMBER OF POSSIBLE WAYS OF DISTRIBUTING THE VOTES. THE FINAL DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES WILL OF COURSE BE DECIDED BY, ON THE ONE HAND, THE AGREEMENT REACHED ON THE SYSTEM OF VOTE DISTRIBUTION AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, BY THE ACTUAL MONEY PROMISED.

II. THE MINIMUM OBJECTIVE OF IFAD IS 1 BILLION SDR (APPROX. \$1,250 MILLION). HALF OF THIS WILL BE CONTRIBUTED BY GROUP B (DEVELOPING OIL PRODUCING-COUNTRIES) AND THE OTHER HALF BY GROUP A (OECD COUNTRIES)

III. THE ATTACHED CALCULATIONS ASSUME AN EQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES BETWEEN THE THREE GROUPS OF COUNTRIES, EACH GROUP THEREFORE GETTING, FOR EXAMPLE, 500 OF A TOTAL OF 1,500 VOTES. TO AVOID CONFUSION, CONTRIBUTIONS IN \$ INSTEAD OF SDRS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AS A BASIS. THIS HAS BEEN DONE BECAUSE A POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION IN \$ IS ALREADY KNOWN IN THE CASE OF A FEW DONORS. IT IS POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT THE DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES ON VARIOUS BASES.

IV. SUGGESTION I PROPOSES A DISTRIBUTION OF VOTES

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BASED ON THE RELATIVE SHARE OF A COUNTRY IN THE TOTAL  
1974 GNP OF THE 17 DAC COUNTRIES. THE US PROMISE OF  
\$200 MILLION HAS BEEN TAKEN AS THE BASIS FIGURE.  
THE REMAINING \$300 MILLION HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED PRO  
RATA OVER THE REMAINING 16 DAC COUNTRIES ACCORDING  
TO THEIR RELATIVE SHARE IN THE GNP (ON THE BASIS OF  
COLUMN 5), SOLELY IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO WORK OUT THE  
EXAMPLES. IN THIS CALCULATION, THEREFORE, NO ACCOUNT  
HAS BEEN TAKEN OF POSSIBLE HIGHER CONTRIBUTIONS  
BY A NUMBER OF DONOR COUNTRIES.

V. SUGGESTION II FALLS INTO TWO PARTS:

170 BASIC VOTES ARE DIVIDED EQUALLY AMONG THE 17 DAC  
MEMBERS;

ON TOP OF THESE, THE REMAINING 330 VOTES ARE DIVIDED  
PRO RATA ACCORDING TO THE POSSIBLE FINANCIAL CON-  
TRIBUTION ON THE GROUND OF EACH COUNTRY'S SHARE IN THE  
TOTAL GNP (COLUMN 4).

VI. SUGGESTION III IS A VARIANT OF SUGGESTION II AND  
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ASSUMES 340 BASIC VOTES AND 160 VOTES DIVIDED PRO RATA.

VII. SUGGESTION IV IS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF "ONE  
COUNTRY, ONE VOTE".

VIII. SUGGESTION V GIVES AN INDICATION OF THE POSSIBLE  
CONTRIBUTION PER HEAD OF THE POPULATION (COLUMN 6  
DIVIDED BY COLUMN 1). THE RELATIVE SIZE OF THIS  
BURDEN (COLUMN 14) IS THE BASIS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION  
OF VOTES.  
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